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PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL SELECTED TO BE A 2005 NASA EXPLORER SCHOOL

***One of 50 New Schools Across the Country to Receive this
Distinction***

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee announced today that he has been notified by NASA that Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School has been selected to be a NASA Explorer School (NES) for 2005. Perry will join educators, students, and families in sustained involvement with NASA's research, discoveries, and missions. The program will serve grades four through nine, and will receive \$17,500 over a three-year period as well as services to support student engagement in science and mathematics.

"I wish to congratulate Perry Middle School for being chosen as one of only 50 schools selected to be a NASA Explorer School. This is indeed a great honor and testament to Perry's commitment to student excellence," Senator Chafee said. "Students participating will benefit from experienced NASA personnel as well as programs designed to apply the concepts of math, science, and technology to real-world issues and problems. These resources will undoubtedly improve student learning by providing an interactive environment for education," he explained.

The NES team at Perry will work with NASA personnel and other partners in implementing an action plan that will promote and support the use of NASA content and programs to address the school's local needs in mathematics, science, and technology education. The plan will assist staff members in providing challenging opportunities to students via participation in authentic experiences with NASA science and technology, as well as applying NASA science, mathematics, and technology to practical issues and problems, and participation in special events and other opportunities.

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